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Around Agawam

Fullam's Open New Office

Fullam Realty Co. has opened new offices at 289 Springfield Street. Harold and Shirley Fullam have a combined total of 25 years experience in residential and commercial sales and also handle the rentals of many apartments in Agawam and surrounding towns.

Both are realtors with memberships in the National Assoc. of Real Estate Boards, Massachusetts Assoc. of Real Estate Boards, the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors and the Multiple Listing Service.

The Fullam's extend an invitation to all the residents of Agawam to stop by and visit them in their new offices, next to Edward's Drug Store.

DEAN'S LIST

Nancy E. Hare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hare, 75 Edgewater Rd., has achieved highest honors on the dean's list at North Adams State College. Nancy, a junior transfer, is majoring in Elementary Education.

Key Realty Adds Representatives

Ben Bassini, president of Key Realty, has announced the addition of three new sales people to his staff.

Nancy Kozak, Alice Jones and Richard Stapleton will work from the real estate firm's office on Springfield Street, Agawam.

Stapleton will be in charge of the commercial sales division.

Measles Clinic Scheduled

A special Rubella (German Measles) clinic will be held Feb. 27, at the Senior Citizens Center at 770 Main Street. All pre-school children ages one through five are eligible for this clinic. Please call the Agawam Health Department, 786-0400, Ext. 52 or 53 to register.

"Come To The Mardi Gras"

The Women's Auxiliary of the Polish-American Club will hold a Western Style Mardi Gras at the Polish Clubhouse, 39 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, Saturday, Feb. 23 with a smorgasbord supper from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and dancing from 8 to 12 with a well-known orchestra. It will not be necessary to wear costumes but prizes will be awarded for those who wish to compete, also many door prizes will be given. Tickets are limited.

Mrs. Helen Daubitz, president, will be the Honorary Chairman with Mrs. Bertha Janulewicz and Mrs. Eleanor Stepanik as co-chairmen of this affair. Tickets may be obtained from the above.

SCOUT GUIDE WEEK
FEBRUARY 17th TO 24th

Charter Presented to Roberts

Lions Club Scouts Hold Banquet

Scout Troop #89, sponsored by the Agawam Lions Club, gave Bodurtha an official held their Banquet and Court of Honor Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Agawam Baptist Church. Scouts, their families and honored guests enjoyed a delicious spaghetti supper cooked by Bob Johnson, Sr. and Dick Bassett. Several mothers furnished cakes for dessert.

Richard Gingras, Sr., awards chairman, conducted the ceremonies. Jack Bodurtha, assistant district commissioner, presented the charter to Warren Roberts, president of the Lions Club. Roberts then presented the charter to Clark Greenough, Scoutmaster.

Gingras presented numerous service stars, merit badges and skill awards to all the scouts attending. The committeemen were also awarded service stars for three to 31 years of scouting service. These people were all commended for their fine work.

Craig Greenough, Terry Babcock, Stephen Godbout and Glen Mason received Scout awards—the first step to Eagle in the new program. Jeff Babcock received his Tenderfoot. Dan Godbout earned First Class and it was presented by Jack Bodurtha. Dick Bassett, assistant Scoutmaster presented twenty-one Knox Trail patches—this year they hiked from Otis to Blandford. Warren Roberts, King Lion, presented the rank of Life to Tim Bassett.

A special award was presented by George Andrews, Institutional Representative to Warren Bodurtha. Bodurtha was the driving force in re-organizing

the troop in 1943. Andrews gave Bodurtha an official Troop 89 neckerchief; which was designed by his grand-nephew David Bodurtha, a Life scout in the troop.

Since 1943, Troop 89 has awarded 42 boys the rank of Eagle Scout. Troop 89 is very active in camping ten months of the year. In the past year the troop made trips to Fall River to visit the U.S.S. Mass. In July, 12 boys and three adults spent a week canoeing in New York state. In November the entire troop spent a weekend as guest at the Newport Naval Base, Rhode Island.

It has been a busy year and the troop is looking forward to many more Eagles and many good times together. The troop has a few openings, for boys interested in scouting they are invited to attend a troop meeting Wednesday at Phelps School from 7 to 9 p.m.

Agawam Jr. Women's Club

OBSERVATION PROJECT

Agawam Junior Women's Club Chairman, Ms. Shirley Rinaldi, announces two projects for February.

The Juniors and the Junior Girl Scout Troop #19 of Feeding Hills, under the direction of Mrs. Juanita Vanesse, are making bird feeders to be placed in Feeding Hills and Agawam Centers.

The club is also supporting local supermarkets in an appeal to the public to reuse shopping bags. The aim of this conversation effort is to alleviate the shopping bag shortage while reducing the waste of this particular paper product.

The Agawam Juniors are urging shoppers to heed their motto . . . "When you shop . . . bring the bag you've got."

February Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be a Mr. and Mrs. night and will feature the annual International Supper. The dinner will begin at 6:45 p.m. on Feb. 19 at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

International Affairs Chairman, Karen Douglas asks that written recipes accompany the dishes for exchange purposes.

Following the dinner Mrs. Dale Melanson will conduct a brief business meeting. Mrs. Eleanor Balboni, hostess will introduce the speaker Elio Tonon of the World Travel Agency. Tonon will present various vacation plans—budget and dream.

Hospitality Chairmen are Mrs. Charlotte Venturini and Mrs. Karen Douglas.

Chief Warrant Officer Biagetti Retires After 39 Years



Chief Warrant Officer (W-4) Bruno E. Biagetti, Automotive Maintenance Officer enlisted May 1933 in the 104th Inf., 26th Division. Combat Service in World II, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. Awarded Bronze Star with Cluster, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Decorations: Europe African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon, National Guard Service Ribbon with clasps. 24 Sept. 41 received a citation for outstanding achievement in automotive maintenance. Combat service with the 3rd Army under General Patton's command, and fought in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. At time of his retirement Biagetti was assigned with "D" Co. 726th Maint. Bn., 26th Inf. Div. He resides with his wife at 50 S. Park Terrace.

Webster Announces T.N.B. Financial Corp., Ware Trust Co. Affiliation

Senior Vice President Harry G. Webster, Third National Bank of Hampden County, has announced that T.N.B. Financial Corp. and the Ware Trust Company of Ware jointly announced Feb. 12 that they had reached an agreement in principle under which the Ware Trust Company will become affiliated with T.N.B. Financial Corp., a holding company activated in October, 1972 with headquarters in Springfield.

The agreement between Ware Trust Company and T.N.B. Financial Corp. will be subject to regulatory approval in addition to the approval of the shareholders of both organizations.

Third National Bank of Hampden County, principal subsidiary of T.N.B. Financial Corp., was chartered in 1864 and had 1973 year-end total assets of nearly \$260 million. Third National Bank has twenty branch offices throughout Hampden County.

The affiliation brings together under T.N.B. Financial Corp. two of the oldest commercial banks in Western Massachusetts.

Ware Trust Company, whose original charter dates back to 1825, had 1973 year-end assets of \$10,759,000 and in addition to its head office in that town has a branch office on West Street.

CITIZENS CAMERA

Jan McGeary, Inquiring Reporter focused the Citizen's Camera on the gasoline situation this week, asking the following question: "Do you think the odd-number, even-number is a good way to handle the gasoline shortage?"



"At least it's one way. There is no magic formula for the overall situation." Bernard G. Nichols, 1141 Main Street, Agawam.



"If they've got the gas I think it's a good idea." Emilio Sciartilli, Agawam Shoe Repair, Walnut Street, Agawam.



"I sure think it is better and worth a good try." Ken Foote, Foote Realty Company, Agawam.

Editorial

Courage is undeniably an admirable quality. Like beauty, what is commonly called courage lies in the eye of the beholder. One person's courage is another person's shallowness, or folly, or ambition.

Primitive men measured their manhood by it. Adolescents still do. The dazzling, showy kind affords excitement to civilized, yet circumscribed people.

There was a time when courage — particularly physical — was predominately, if not exclusively, required of men. Courage then was the authentic mark of man simply because of their greater physical strength and their training as hunters and warriors.

Today the idea of courage as the measure of a man is meaningless . . . an illusion. Courage is not the mark of a man — it is the mark of a person. Courageous acts can be evaluated only in relation to our fears. If we are totally without fear when we are faced with a crisis we cannot be credited with having

as much courage as another person who, though holding terror in check, exhibits as much bravery in a crisis.

Courage in combat, for example, represents bravery of the highest order. Yet many soldiers, battling for their lives, have experienced many apparent acts of courage that stemmed from panic, blind obedience, confusion or from pure reflex action. This kind of courage bears little resemblance to the deliberate choice of performing a necessary, sometimes dangerous, act.

There is a truer courage. It may be inconspicuous and seldom reaches visibility. It is to be found in the steadfastness of ordinary people whose daily lives make demands on their patience and endurance.

What of the courage of a man who opposes war for reasons of conscience . . . who opposes corrupt politics . . . who might not strike back when beaten in the streets . . . who risks censure rather than keep silent on important issues?

What of the courage of a woman who matter - of - factly raises a handicapped child . . . or guides the lives of infants into adulthood upon the death of their father? What of the courage of those who live in constant pain without bitterness toward those who are healthy . . . who refrain from suspicion and gossip . . . who teach themselves to forgive and trust?

This kind of courage does not crackle with the unmistakable drum - roll of destiny. It lies in such inconspicuous things as the daring vitality of older people . . . apologizing to a daughter or son . . . in acquiring moral courage. There is momentum to it. Each time we act with true courage we gain faith in others and ourselves, in the dignity and purpose of life itself.

Courage is a quality as varied as the people who possess it. There is one common truth about this admirable quality: Courage is always a private affair.

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12:30 Beat The Clock
1:00 Jack LaLanne Show
1:30 Mr. Magoo
2:00 Flipper
2:30 Tennessee Tuxedo
3:00 Porky Pig
3:30 Bugs Bunny
4:00 The Three Stooges
4:30 F Troop
5:00 McHale's Navy
5:30 Andy Griffith
6:00 Beverly Hillbillies
7:30 Wild, Wild, West
8:30 Everything Goes
10:00 The Saint
11:00 Laugh Classics
12:00 Late News

AM
12:30 Late News

Saturday
AM
10:55 Early News
11:00 Laugh Classics

PM
12:00 Beat The Clock
12:30 Wrestling
3:00 Saturday Matinee
4:30 Wildlife Theatre
5:00 Daktari
6:00 Century Cinema
8:00 Saturday Showcase
10:00 Ten O'Clock Movie
11:30 Viewpoint on Nutrition

AM
12:00 Faith For Today
1:30 Late News

Sunday
AM
7:55 Early News
8:00 Worship For Shut-Ins
8:30 Porky Pig
9:00 Bugs Bunny
9:30 Gulliver
10:00 Huck Finn
10:30 Mr. Magoo
11:00 Hour of Power

PM
12:00 Builders Showcase
12:30 Wally's Workshop
1:00 Bruin's Hilites
1:30 Laugh Classics
3:00 Wagon Train
7:00 Bruins Wrap-Up
7:30 Sunday Evening Theatre
9:00 The Saint
10:00 Ask The Manager
10:30 The Drum
11:00 Human Dimensions
11:30 Ronda Musicales Hispana
12:00 Late News

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10:30 New England Newscene
11:00 New Zoo Revue
12:00 I Love Lucy

PM
12:30 Dialing For Dollars
2:30 Huck & Yogi
3:00 Speed Racer
3:30 Batman
4:00 Little Rascals
4:30 Flintstones Hour
5:30 Gilligan's Island
7:00 Movie
11:00 Dragnet
11:30 Movie

Saturday
AM
8:30 Music & The Spoken Word
9:00 Day of Discovery
9:30 Kathryn Kuhlman
10:00 To Be Announced
10:30 This Week In The NBA
11:00 Wrestling
12:00 Roller Games

PM
2:00 Matinee
4:00 Outer Limits
5:00 Hee Haw
7:00 The Untouchables
8:30 Night Gallery
9:00 Hollywood's Golden Years
11:30 Movie

Sunday
AM
7:30 Huckleberry Hound
8:00 Speed Racer
8:30 Batman
9:00 Lost in Space
10:00 Flintstones Hour
11:00 Little Rascals
11:30 Gilligan's Island
12:00 Movie

PM
2:00 Movie
4:00 Big Movie
5:30 Movie
7:30 Lucy-Desi Comedy Hour
8:30 Lou Gordon
10:00 Dr. Norman Vincent Peale
10:30 Night Gallery
11:00 Point of View
11:30 People Power

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Agawam Citizens Organization

FEB. 10

A.C.O. Membership Meeting—Agawam Baptist Church

7:30 p.m. Public welcome. "Planned Unit Development." Speaker, Mr. James Lash. Election of individual directors.

FEB. 29

SPAN Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 p.m. at SPAN.

FEB. 21

Children's Vacation Movie—Call Mrs. Herd, 786-3636.

FEB. 24

13th Annual UNICO Dinner, Agawam High School, Open to public.

Park & Rec. Dancing

Be a sweetheart—Warm up and bring a partner to the Monday evening dance classes sponsored by Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, 7-9 p.m. at Robinson Park School.

The program includes: First hour—basic and variation of one dance either Tango, Waltz, Foxtrot, Rhumba, Cha-Cha, Disco Lindy or Rock. Second hour—review and smoothing out by practice and extra help to beginners. Beginners are always welcome.

Plans are being coordinated with the Agawam High School Band for a Community May Social at the Middle School. It will be a fund raiser for the band fund and possible music scholarships and it is open to everyone from eight to 80. Anyone who is interested in making this first Community Social a success, is invited to contact Liz Meissner or the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department.

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Senior's Plan

Theatre Trip

Senior Center

On March 19 there will be a trip to the Chateau de Ville in Windsor for a roast beef dinner and a matinee, "Never Too Late" with Bob Cummings. Departure will be at 10:45 a.m., return 5 p.m. Price per person is eleven dollars for bus, show and dinner.

Due to school vacation no meals will be served at the Senior Center Feb. 18-23.

The VFW is giving a party for the Senior Citizens March 3 at the Post home on South Street. Make reservations early by calling the Senior Center at 786-8451.

The monthly Hypertension Clinic will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Feb. 27. This is a free service to all senior citizens.

This week's bowling score:

Horace Marotte—108

Edith Michaud—106

Al Desaulnier—107

Fred Vogt—107

Grange Meets Tuesday

Community Grange will meet on Tuesday evening, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Grange Home on North West Street.

The Conservation and Agricultural Committee, with Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Watrous as co-chairman are in charge of the program.

Guest speaker will be John Stone of the Agawam Beautification Committee, accompanied by Mrs. Jean Moirano, chairman of the Mini-park project.

Everyone is invited to a social hour following the program. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen are co-chairmen of the

Mattoon Graduates

Russell J. Mattoon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Mattoon of South Florida Drive, graduated from Coast Guard Boot Camp in Cape May, N.J. Feb. 1. He received a sharpshooter award during Boot Camp. Mr. and Mrs. Mattoon attended the graduation. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kellogg, Russell's sister and brother-in-law, formerly of Agawam. Russell is to be stationed at Cape May for three months.

A party was recently held in honor of Matthew Paul Morrissey, who was baptized Sunday, Feb. 10. Matthew Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Morrissey, formerly of Agawam. The event was held at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hardina, Anthony Street. Miss Bonnie Morrissey was her nephew's Godmother and Alan Hardina the Godfather.

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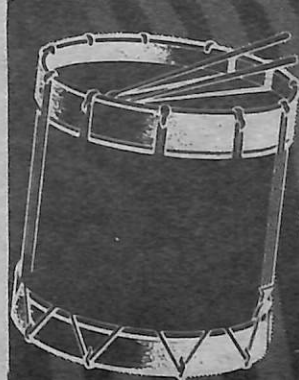
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A.H.A. STANDINGS FEB. 3, 1974

8-10 Squirts	Div.	Place	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Agawam Americans	N	2nd	9	3	0	18	56	20
Agawam Blackhawks	S	1st	8	1	2	18	37	12
Agawam Canadians	E	3rd	6	4	1	13	32	14
Agawam T's Mite	W	1st	12	0	0	24	80	3
10-12 Peewees								
Aces	N	2nd	6	3	3	15	44	34
W. Braves	S	4th	8	3	2	18	49	32
Blues	W	4th	5	6	1	11	35	31
12-14 Bantams								
Indians						N 3		
Indians	N	3	6	3	2	14	26	20
Bee	E	6	5	7	9	10	27	32
Flyers	W	5	5	7	0	10	24	33
14-16 Midgets								
Aces	N	4	5	5	1	11	30	23
Bees	S	10	2	11	0	4	16	40

Excitement filled the first period when Agawam Aces 10-12A scored 5 goals against West Springfield. Both teams were the top two fighting for first place. Agawam played a skillful and phenomenal game. The art of passing was displayed expertly in the first period. The goals were made by Steve Palazzi, Jim Dow, John Couture, Tommy DeCosmo, assist by Mark Yacovoni; and Jeff Masi.

The second period was not as fast or as material, but Agawam held their own. A fantastic play between Tommy DeCosmo and Paul Couture was rewarding as the sixth goal was made. Tommy getting the goal with Paul the assist.

By this time Westside scored three goals which indicated they hadn't given up and anything could happen. There were a few Agawam fans holding their breath. The Aces weren't passing as well and playing more individually and not as a team.

The last minute in the third period the seventh goal was scored by Steve Palazzi, making the final score seven to three. This victory puts Agawam one point in first place.

Winning the game was great, but watching this team play as a team was greater. The end result is the proof. Not a goal could have been made without the great effort and team play. Although only one player puts the puck in the net, it takes all the players on that ice to make it possible. A team that plays together, scores together.

Brian McNamara was injured in a recent game and stitches were necessary.

Coaches are Norm Couture and Dick Palazzi.

HOCKEY-PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Agawam High School Hockey Parents Association will hold its bi-monthly meeting Sunday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Polish Club, Southwick St., Feeding Hills. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the association is to supply scholarship help for senior varsity players who hope to further their education. Last year graduating seniors received \$125.

The annual Awards Banquet will be held Sunday, March 17, at 5:30 p.m. at the Turn Verein Hall. Door prizes will be awarded and a television set will be given away.

Association President Glenn Gould wishes to extend an invitation to all Agawam residents to attend the banquet and honor the team.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or from Gloria Colby 736-1516 or Tom Economidy 786-1055.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Monday, Feb. 25—Vegetable soup, pizza w/cheese & tomato sauce, creamy cole slaw, 1/2 peanut butter sand., school baked cookies, milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 26—Cup of juice, hamburger gravy on rice, buttered carrots, bread and butter, white cake w/hot fudge sauce, milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 27—Oven roasted turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, buttered peas, bread and butter, school baked dessert, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 28—Baked fish square, tartar sauce or ketchup, buttered kernel corn, steamed rice, ice cream, milk.

Friday, March 1—Cup of juice, meat ball grinder w/tomato sauce, tossed salad w/spinach greens & dressing, chocolate brownies, milk.

Borrello Sparks Mighty Mites Victory

BY LAURIE LAZAZZERA

Defenseman Pete Borrello scored his first goal of the season to spark the Torino Mighty Mites to a 3-2 victory over 16 Acres. Borrello's goal came at 5:56 of the second period and was the turning point of the game. There was no scoring in the first period although there were many attempts in this hard fought game. At 5:14 Jim Hannon was ushered to the sin bin for a minute. The penalty was killed off successfully. 16 Acres came back to the game 1-1 at 3:44. The Mighty Mites applied the pressure when 16 Acres was called for a boarding penalty at :48. They put their power play efforts together and scored a goal just nine seconds later at :39 to make it 2-1. Tom Hannon was the lamplighter this time.

At 8:57 of the third period Dean Liptak fed a nice pass to Tom Hannon as he clicked for his second goal of the game. The fans went wild, there even were a few refs calling the plays from off the ice. 16 Acres completed the scoring at 5:16. David Liptak played a great game in the nets.

Torino Mighty Mites Shut Out Westfield

The Torino Mighty Mites shut out the Westfield 8-10 team 2-0 last Saturday morning at the Blunt Park Arena. Mike Lazazzera scored both goals for the Mighty Mites. His first came at 8:53 of the first period with assists to Kevin Mercadante and Joey Warren. Danny Decosmo had a breakaway but was unsuccessful in his attempt to score. Mark Petrucci tried to back hand in the rebound but he was also unsuccessful. Petrucci went off for a penalty at 4:23. The Mighty Mites kept Westfield off the scoreboard.

At 8:12 of the second period, Peter Sibilia was called for a penalty, both teams got a little sloppy then. It started to look like a football game instead of a hockey game with little huddles forming all over the ice. But with a little coaching from the sides by Josie Rondeletto and a few words like "Wake up out there" or "get back into your positions" everything was soon back to normal. Danny Decosmo had a penalty shot at 3:33 when he was pulled down from behind while attempting to score. Mike Lazazzera finished up the scoring at 1:18 with assists to Joey Warren and Kevin Mercadante. David Liptak had an easy game making only one save.

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PROFILE OF THE WEEK

BY RICK SARDELLA

This week's personality is neither a football or basketball star, nor will he be found on a baseball diamond, or in a hockey arena. When his name is mentioned a bell probably will not go off in anyone's head. This person's haven is atop a mountain, staring down at glistening slopes of white. For those of you still in the dark, meet skier Jimmy Marcus.

Since the age of nine skis have almost become a part of Jim's physique. Jim learned at this early age that the thrill of flying down a snow covered hill was his kind of thing. Jim pursued skiing into high school, and this is his fourth year on Agawam's varsity Ski Team. Once again Jim is the Brownie slope captain, a post he attained last year. Jim had the squad's best time last season, while being one of Coach Richard Joseph's top performers. "I am a little more consistent this year than last. I had a couple of costly falls that ruined things," Jim said. The squad has vastly improved from a dismal 0-12 mark in '73, to a respectable 3-6 record in '74. "We improved this year because of our depth," Jim thinks.

Jim also cites ski coach Richard Joseph as a major factor in the squad's steady improvement. "Coach Joseph is a good coach, and runs the team great. He's out there learning just like we are. He's getting better with age," Jim laughed. Jim feels that Coach Joseph does not receive the recognition he should. "He's out there every day freezing his butt off trying his best to bring out as much individual talent as he possibly can. His job is not an easy one, but he makes it a lot of fun," Jim said.

proudly of his coach. Jim commended the school for giving the ski program all the financial support they need, but added, "We really don't get much support from the student body, not too many people are really aware of what is happening."

Jim participates in Nastar Racing, which is competition against racers in the same age group. He has come up with three medals: one silver, (second place) and two bronze, (third place) for his efforts in Nastar Racing, and says that many people are disillusioned about skiing and he added, "skiing is different from what a lot of people think. They are under the impression that it is dangerous, when football and hockey are probably just as hazardous."

When the spring thaw comes Jim enjoys hiking the mountains in Vermont and New Hampshire. "It's a change of pace when I can't ski." He likes most spectator sports, and sometimes he even puts his skis down and plays a little basketball. He enjoys trips to the beach or just relaxing at home.

Looking into his crystal ball Jim sees himself attending AIC next fall, majoring in business. Skiing will continue to play a key role in his life. He hopes to compete on the college level. Jim dreams of living up north in ski country, and possibly set himself up in the ski business, as the slopes will always be his first love. In a couple of years if you happen to hear about a new skiing sensation in the area, don't be surprised if he happens to come from Agawam, and carries the name Marcus!

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BASKETBALL

Forced to sit out most of the third period with four fouls, Brownie star Steve Byrne helped Agawam fight off a tremendous second half Lancer assault, with a spectacular fourth period performance, catapulting Agawam to a thrilling 70-61 victory.

Byrne picked up his fourth personal foul early in the third period, forcing Coach Cliff Kibbe to remove Byrne from action. Longmeadow immediately took full advantage of "Byrnsy's" absence, as their tough offensive rebounding and long range shooting started to take its toll on Agawam's 13 point half-time lead, (37-24). Tommy Quinn and Cliff Kibbe managed to keep Agawam out front with some fine outside shooting of their own, but the Lancers kept coming.

Longmeadow finally forged ahead with only five minutes remaining in the game, but Byrne took charge with some outstanding rebounding and scoring in those final moments, giving Agawam back the lead. Byrne fouled out with 1:17 left, but Agawam was able to hold on as the final seconds ticked away. Cliff Kibbe also played a fine all around game for Agawam, as did his backcourt mate Tommy Quinn.

First half action was all Agawam, with Steve Byrne tallying 17 of his game high 25 points in the first half, while also hitting the boards with his usual authority. Kibbe finished with 17 points, his highest point total since his season opening 18 against Greenfield. Sub Jeff Carmody came off the bench and did some fine rebounding, especially when Byrne was out. The game was marred by numerous fouls, as both teams played aggressively.

Agawam's victory over Longmeadow kept their tournament hopes alive and moved them into second place in the Valley Wheel. The Brownies next test would be their most critical of the season, when they would visit South Hadley in their celebrated rematch. The frontrunning Tiger's only league loss had come against Agawam on Jan. 25, and they were determined to gain vengeance.

South Hadley gained their vengeance by destroying Agawam 86-59 before a packed standing room only crowd. Steve Byrne drew first blood, giving Agawam a quick 2-0 edge. South Hadley rattled off 8 straight points, taking the lead for good. By the end of one period of play the Tigers held a 22-12 advantage. The Tigers offensive rebounding power added with some hot shooting gave them a 43-30 margin at intermission. Brownie offensive fouls and turnovers aided South Hadley throughout first half play. Steve Byrne played an outstanding first half, refusing to be intimidated by the Tigers, and netting 16 points. But Byrnsy's efforts were not enough to fight off the hungry Tigers.

South Hadley's offensive rebounding contingent took its toll on Agawam in the second half, as the Tigers built a gapping 61-42 lead after three periods of play. South Hadley had completely smothered Agawam's fast break offensive, a force which had led

to the Tigers downfall in the last meeting. With the game out of reach midway in the final quarter, both coaches emptied their benches. Steve Byrne led Brownie scoring with 20 points, and Danny Lunden chipped in 17.

Agawam now must win all their remaining games to make the required winning percentage to participate in post season play (65%).

HOCKEY

Tech's Tigers gave Agawam a heartbreaking 3-1 setback on Feb. 8. Randy Economidy opened game scoring at 6:22 of the first period. Economidy split two baffled Tiger defensemen, while on the receiving end of a perfect Pete Longhi pass. Randy beat the dazed Tiger goalie cleanly, giving the Brownies their early margin. Both squads raced up and down the ice for the next period and a half, but each sextet was held at bay by some fine goaltending at both ends of the ice. Brownie netminder Gary Brown was especially spectacular in the first two periods, stopping Tech breakaways and covering up loose pucks that dangled around his net.

Tech finally broke through Brown with only 57 seconds expired in the third period, knotting the bout at one apiece. The stalemate continued until the final 1:27 of play when a streaking Tiger forward beat Brown giving Tech a 2-1 lead. Tech added one more red-lighter for good measure with only 40 seconds remaining. For Agawam it had to be a frustrating defeat, as they outplayed Tech most of the way.

Agawam defeated a tough Wilbraham-Monson squad 6-4 on Feb. 12, in an independent battle. After a scoreless first stanza, both teams exploded for a total of eight goals, with the Brownies notching five of them. Brownie lamp-lighters in the hectic second period were Pete Longhi, two from sophomore Mark Faucette, Randy Economidy and Brian Keeley. John Martino finished Brownie scoring in the third period, helping Agawam to their victory.

Sar Talk

Agawam High's winter sports agenda took a giant step forward this season with the successful launching of their new varsity wrestling program. Brownie matmen finished with a very fine mark of 6-8, proving that Agawam High School can take on a new venture like wrestling and turn it into instant success.

One person very excited about the new wrestling program is Athletic Director Cliff Kibbe, who has been an advocate of installing wrestling for years. "I think the program has done very well, and I predict within the next two years it will be one of Agawam's premiere sports," Mr. Kibbe beamed. Kibbe feels that the new sport fits the aggressive nature of Agawam athletes. "As we gain maturity in the sport, we will do just fine," he added confidently. Kibbe also stated that next year he plans to have the majority of the home matches at night, which would enable spectators to come and give the wrestlers needed support.

Another method the athletic department used to promote wrestling was by inviting the entire student body to attend a mid-afternoon wrestling match on Feb. 6. Many of the students in the packed gym were viewing wrestling for the first time. The match seemed to generate wide interest from the spectators, giving them a chance to see what wrestling was all about. Even though Agawam lost the meet, they gained the interest and the support from the majority of the student body.

Two men who have been instrumental in the early success of the program are coaches Gus Young and Phil Tomasiel. Both have vast experience in wrestling and have spent countless hours teaching their squad the proper wrestling techniques. Coach Young commented that he is more than pleased with the progress of the program, but added, "Of the 13 kids on the team, six are seniors, and that is not exactly the way you develop a wrestling program."

Coach Young's statement is true. The program's only drawback so far is the lack of numerical strength in certain weight divisions, causing a distinct disadvantage during meets. But the remedy should come next year when many new faces will hopefully flock to the wrestling scene. Coach Young agrees, stating: "There are many fine athletes in Agawam who sit through the winter with nothing athletically that appeals to them. I think wrestling would be ideal for them and they'd be ideal for us."

With support from the student body and the continued efforts of personnel involved in wrestlings early fortunes, all should add up to a bright future for Agawam winter sports in the years to come.

It is impossible for us to contact all athletic organizations in Agawam. If there is an organization that you would like to see covered in our sports page, please call the Agawam Citizen at 786-7683, or Sardella at 786-0058.

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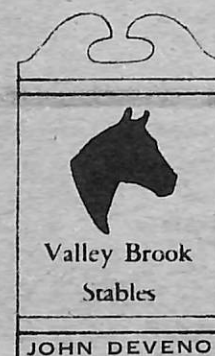
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Feb. 22

Basketball: Agawam vs Ludlow, Home
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Tom Kelly and Jerry Tower, two WTXL disc jockeys, at Neptune Waterbeds waiting their turn after Cleveland gives up. The pajamas they are wearing are from Neptune and boast the Red Cross insignia as well as the WTXL call letters.

Mr. Hill, executive director of the Greater Springfield Chapter of the American Red Cross, at Neptune Waterbeds as the marathon gets underway. "I think the marathon is great. It has been done in other towns but it has never been done here. It's especially good now as it precedes our annual Red Cross drive which begins March 1."



Howard Shulman, owner of WTXL, and Noel Vincent, president of Neptune Waterbeds. "I think it is really great that all these people are devoting their time to such a worthy cause," said Shulman. Vincent smiles and nods his head in agreement.

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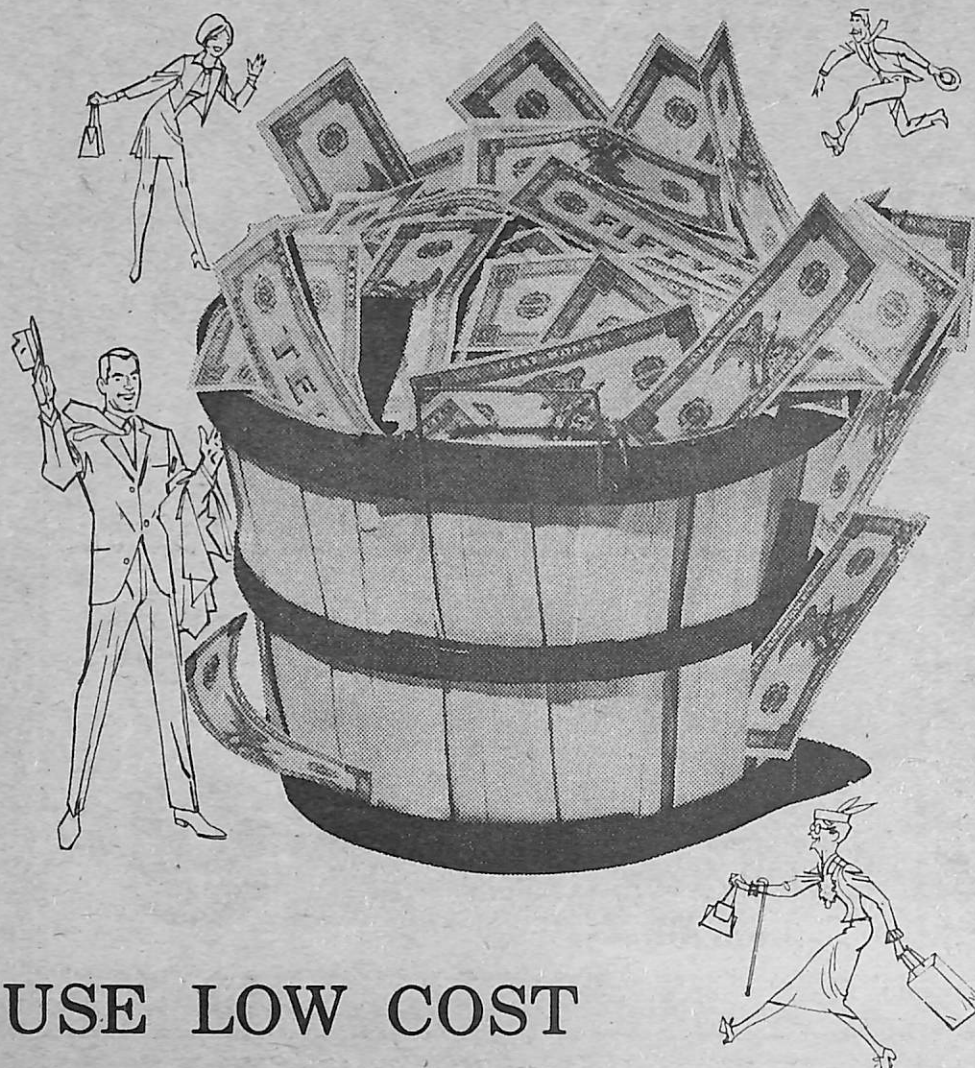
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